Expansion of DD Network

†*192. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have implemented some schemes over the last years with a view to expanding the range of DD telecasts;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on the expansion of Doordarshan during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 year-wise; and

(c) the extent of population covered in the country by March, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Expenditure incurred on expansion & modernisation of Doordarshan services during the last three years is as under:

1998-1999	Rs. 240.56 crores
1999-2000	Rs. 283.12 crores
2000-2001	Rs. 283.31 crores

(c) TV coverage was available to about 88.9% population of the country at the end of March, 2001.

Exclusion of Escorts Hospital and Research Centre under CGHS

*193. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:
SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for including six hospitals and excluding Escorts Hospital and Research Centre, (EHRC), Faridabad in the revised list *vide* OM No. Rec: 24/2001/JD(M)CGHS/DELHI CGHS(P)/1076-99, dated 25th October, 2001;

(b) whether any reaction has been received from EHRC thereon;

(c) the details of the representations received from individuals/organisations/associations for inclusion of EHRC; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.